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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Jim Henry, First Baptist Church Orlando, in Orlando, FL, offered the following prayer: Dear Sovereign Father, we humble ourselves in recognition of Your holiness, majesty, grace, love, and goodness. I come to beseech you in behalf of those who serve You and represent the people of our Republic:

For Ambition to be the yokefellow of humility;

For Behavior worthy to be copied;

For Courage in the face of difficulties;

For Decisions based on eternal principles;

For Encouragement when the walls of loneliness surround them;

For Faith when doubt knocks on the door;

For Gentleness to rule over harshness;

For Hope in the midst of despair;

For Impulsiveness to be counteracted with thoughtfulness;

For Joy in their journey of service;

For Knowledge to grapple with the monumental challenges;

For Light to shatter strongholds of darkness;

For Modesty to be the wardrobe of ego;

For Nobility to be the pathway of choice;

For Objectivity to grace every vote;

For Protection for their families and those dear to their thoughts;

For Quiet times to hear Your whispers to their hearts;

For Richness of character to be the most sought after office;

For Servanthood to be more significant than success;

For Truth to outduel falsehood at every encounter;

For Urgent to be under the thumb of the important;

For Vision to be Your hand in the events of the world;

For Wisdom milked from worship, Your Word, and Your will;

For X-ray perception to see through the scams and schemes;

For Your strength as a teammate in the yoke of weariness;

For Zest to run well and finish strong in the race of life;

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 25, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. The Senate will shortly conduct two rollcall votes on judicial nominations. Following the votes, the Senate will resume consideration of the energy reform bill. Rollcall votes in relation to the amendments on the bill will occur throughout the day. We expect to complete action on the energy bill sometime, we hope, early this afternoon.

I ask now that prior to beginning the votes, the Senator from Florida, Mr. NELSON, be recognized as if in morning business and that time count against the 30 hours.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

The Senator from Florida.

WELCOME REVEREND JIM HENRY

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, it is a privilege for me to call to the attention of the Senate that our guest Chaplain today is from Orlando, FL. He is quite a noteworthy individual, and that is why I had particularly requested of our leadership the opportunity that he might come and be our guest Chaplain. Not only has Jim Henry been the pastor of the largest church in the central Florida area since 1977, but he rose to the rank of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The reason I make note of that is that a schism among church leadership had occurred and they needed a leader of that convention, someone who could be a reconciler, a healer, who could bring people together in the midst of their differences.

We deal with that every day here, but we are dealing in the political world

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